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Sir:

A Response to Non-Final Rejection was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on **November 2, 2009** in the above-identified application. Since over **7** months have passed and no further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office in response thereto, applicants respectfully request to be informed of the current status for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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